

Hon. David W. Christel
U.S. Magistrate Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

LIAM RILEY and SARAH RILEY,
individually and the marital community
comprised thereof,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF TACOMA, a municipal
corporation; and TACOMA FIRE
DEPARTMENT, a municipal department,

Defendants.

NO. 3:19-CV-06193

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS
PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL OF
RECORD PURSUANT TO LCR
83.2(b)(1)

AND DECLARATION OF
COUNSEL

NOTED FOR HEARING:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020

I. MOTION TO WITHDRAW

COMES NOW Attorney Rebecca M. Larson and DAVIES PEARSON, P.C., and respectfully moves the court for an order allowing counsel to withdraw as attorneys of record for Plaintiffs Liam and Sarah Riley in the above referenced matter. This motion is made pursuant to LCR 83.2(b)(1) and based on the subjoined declaration of counsel.

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2 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of November, 2020.

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12 **II. DECLARATION OF COUNSEL**

13 COMES NOW Rebecca M. Larson, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
14 State of Washington, and deposes and testifies as follows:

15 1. I am the attorney of record for Plaintiffs Liam and Sarah Riley in this matter,
16 I make this declaration based upon personal knowledge, and I am competent to make the
17 same.

18 2. Due to changes within my firm's practice area, I informed Plaintiff Liam
19 Riley in early 2020 that I would not be able to continue to represent him and his wife Sarah
20 in this matter going forward through trial, but that I would remain as his representative
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1 until he could seek replacement counsel. Mr. Riley advised me that he was interviewing
2 other counsel after I advised him of my intent to withdraw.

3 3. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and its effect on litigation in
4 general, I did not withdraw earlier in the year, hoping that Mr. Riley would be able to retain
5 replacement counsel. Many months have now passed, however, and Mr. Riley advises that
6 he is still seeking substitute counsel, so far unsuccessfully.

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8 4. In addition to changes occurring within my firm, it also recently has become
9 clear that Mr. Riley and I do not view this case in the same manner and do not agree on the
10 best path for moving forward. Without violating attorney/client privilege, it is my belief
11 that I cannot continue to represent Mr. Riley and his wife and to prosecute this litigation
12 on their behalf. For that reason, I am moving the court for leave to withdraw.

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14 5. This matter is currently set for trial on October 18, 2021, over 11 months in
15 the future. Pursuant to the Order Amending Case Schedule (Dkt. 21), the next deadline of
16 any type is not until the Expert Witness Disclosure/Report Deadline of March 15, 2021,
17 and the discovery deadline is May 17, 2021. Written discovery has been conducted, and
18 both Plaintiffs and Defendants have recently exchanged interrogatory answers and
19 document production. As such, I believe that this is an appropriate time for me to
20 withdrawal and that it will not prejudice any of the parties involved.
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6. Prior to the filing of this motion, I advised Mr. and Mrs. Riley that I intended to move to withdraw, and I have also advised defense counsel of the same. I hereby certify that a copy of this motion has been served on both Mr. and Mrs. Riley and opposing counsel, as indicated below in the Certificate of Service.

7. As the Plaintiffs will be left at least temporarily without representation, I am including their current contact information in compliance with the Local Rules.

Liam and Sarah Riley
7105 44th Avenue E.
Tacoma, WA 98443
(206) 769-6376 (Liam Riley Cell Phone)
(253) 307-1846 (Sarah Riley Cell Phone)

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

SIGNED at Tacoma, Washington this 11th day of November, 2020.

By: /S/ REBECCA M. LARSON
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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and I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the document to the following non CM/ECF participants: N/A

I also hereby certify that on this date I sent copies of the foregoing filing to Plaintiffs via e-mail at the following:

Liam Riley - locofomocoracing@gmail.com

Sarah Riley - sarahandliamriley@gmail.com

and I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the documents to Mr. and Mrs. Riley at the following address:

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SIGNED at Tacoma, Washington this 11th day of November, 2020.

By: /S/ JODY M. WATERMAN
JODY M. WATERMAN, Legal Assistant

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